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To: Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) Providers

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)
CWP Information Letter No. 02-03
Supported Employment, 24-Hour Residential Habilitation and Family
Surrogate Services Rate Changes

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) providers effective February 1, 2002. The new rates have been adjusted to reflect the current rates for similar services in Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) at Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR). The new rates are included on the attached Reimbursement Rate chart page, which should be substituted for corresponding pages in the Reimbursement Rate section of your Provider Manual until a manual revision is distributed.

Each year the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) is notified of any rate changes for similar services in HCS at MHMR. Effective February 1, 2002, the rate for Supported Employment, 24-hour Residential Habilitation and Family Surrogate Services were adjusted to reflect the current rates for these services in HCS.

Any future changes in the rates for similar services in HCS at MHMR will result in reimbursement rate adjustments to similar services provided by CWP. DHS will continue to notify providers of any changes in the reimbursement rates.

All claims for services delivered on or after February 1, 2002, will be processed using the new payment rates. Claims submitted by the provider for any services delivered on or after February 1, 2002, should be prepared using the new rates.

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Please contact Nancy Kimble, at 512-438-4051, if you have any questions about the reimbursement rates. Please contact your contract manager if you have any questions about this information letter.

An electronic version of this letter, as well as past Consolidated Waiver Program Information Letters can be accessed at
<http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/communitycare/infoletters/index.html>.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Becky Beechinor
Assistant Deputy Commissioner
Long Term Care Services

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Attachments

Consolidate Waiver Program - Reimbursement Rates

The rates for CWP-HCSS program services as of 10/1/01 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Pre-Enrollment Assessment	assessment	\$130.70
Personal Assistance Services	hour	\$9.93
Habilitation - Residential (Hourly)	hour	\$12.10
Habilitation - Prevocational	hour	\$12.10
Habilitation - Day Habilitation (less than 24 hours)	hour	\$12.10
Habilitation - Supported Employment	day	\$21.39* (rate change 2-1-02)
Nursing Services (RN)	hour	\$33.81
Nursing Services (LVN)	hour	\$25.34
Physical Therapy	hour	\$64.32
Occupational Therapy	hour	\$61.35
Speech/Language Pathology	hour	\$61.22
Audiology	hour	\$61.22
Psychological Counseling	hour	\$69.72
Social Work	hour	\$46.21
Behavioral Communication	hour	\$69.72
Orientation/Mobility Services Specialist	hour	\$40.00
Dietary	hour	\$48.90
Dental		at cost
Intervenor	hour	\$12.10
Child Support Services		at cost
Respite In Home	day	\$230.93
Adaptive Aids/Medical Supplies	year	\$10,000.00
Minor Home Modifications	cap	\$7,500.00 every 7 years up to age 21 then \$7,500 lifetime cap
Ongoing Minor Home Modification - Repair/Replacement	year	\$300.00
Transportation		at cost

Adaptive Aids and Medical Supplies

Cost of Adaptive Aid or Medical Supply by Range					
< \$500	\$500 to \$999.99	\$1,000 to \$1,499.99	\$1,500 to \$1,999.99	\$2,000 to \$2,499.99	\$2,500.00 to \$2,999.99
Requisition Fee Amount					
10% of cost of item	\$54.03	\$92.85	\$105.66	\$118.86	\$134.21
Cost of Adaptive Aid or Medical Supply by Range					
\$3,000 to \$3,499.99	\$3,500 to \$3,999.99	\$4,000 to \$4,499.99	\$4,500 to \$4,999.99	\$5,000 & Over	
Requisition Fee Amount					
\$140.81	\$147.02	\$153.62	\$160.22	\$168.96	

Minor Home Modifications

Cost for Minor Home Modification by Range					
< \$500	\$500 to \$999.99	\$1,000 to \$1,499.99	\$1,500 to \$1,999.99	\$2,000 to \$2,499.99	\$2,500.00 to \$2,999.99
Requisition Fee Amount					
10% of cost of item	\$80.04	\$118.86	\$131.67	\$163.89	\$196.50
Cost for Minor Home Modification by Range					
\$3,000 to \$3499.99	\$3,500 to \$3,999.99	\$4,000 to \$4,499.99	\$4,500 to \$4,999.99	\$5,000 to \$5,499.99	
Requisition Fee Amount					
\$227.19	\$258.27	\$284.28	\$309.90	\$335.91	
Cost for Minor Home Modification by Range					
\$5,500 to \$5,999.99	\$6,000 to \$6,499.99	\$6,500 & over			
Requisition Fee Amount					
\$361.92	\$395.15	\$428.76			

The rate for CWP-AFC program services as of 10/1/01 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Adult Foster Care Level 1	day	\$18.62
Adult Foster Care Level 2	day	\$32.11
Adult Foster Care Level 3	day	\$65.21
Adult Foster Care Respite		
Adult Foster Care Level 1	day	\$32.29
Adult Foster Care Level 2	day	\$45.79
Adult Foster Care Level 3	day	\$78.88

The rates for CWP-AL/RC program services as of 3/1/02 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Assisted Living/Single Occupancy - Apartment	day	\$46.16
Assisted Living/Double Occupancy - Apartment	day	\$39.61
Residential Care/Non-Apartment	day	\$24.05
Assisted Living/Residential Care Respite		
Assisted Living/Single Occupancy - Apartment	day	\$61.29
Assisted Living/Double Occupancy - Apartment	day	\$54.74
Residential Care/Non-Apartment	day	\$39.04

The rate for CWP-24 Hour Residential Habilitation program services as of 2/1/02 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
24-Hour Residential Habilitation - Intermittent	day	\$81.08
24-Hour Residential Habilitation - Limited	day	\$88.96
24-Hour Residential Habilitation - Extensive	day	\$100.24
24-Hour Residential Habilitation - Pervasive	day	\$119.40

The rate for CWP Family Surrogate Services program services as of 2/1/02 are:

Service	Rate Per	Amount
Family Surrogate Services - Intermittent	day	\$44.02
Family Surrogate Services - Limited	day	\$47.42
Family Surrogate Services - Extensive	day	\$64.47
Family Surrogate Services - Pervasive	day	\$88.33

The rate for CWP Emergency Response Services program services as of 10/1/01 are:

Service	Rate	Amount
Emergency Response Services	month	at negotiated rate of service provider

The rate for CWP Home Delivered Meals program services as of 10/1/01 are:

Service	Rate	Amount
Home Delivered Meals	meal	at negotiated rate of service provider

The rate for CWP Out of Home Respite program services as of 10/1/01

Service	Rate	Amount
Hospital	day	at DHS or MHMR approved fee-for-service
Nursing Facility	day	at DHS or MHMR approved fee-for-service
ICF-MR	day	at DHS or MHMR approved fee-for-service
Camps		at cost
Day Care Centers		at cost

The rate for CWP Independent Advocacy program services as of 10/1/01

Service	Rate	Amount
Independent Advocacy	hour	\$12.10